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***AB 1 (Laird and Dymally)** Health Care Coverage

Version: Amended 5/01/07

Sponsor: 100% Campaign, People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO)

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would among other things, create the Healthy Families Buy-In Program that would be administered by the MRMIB and would make coverage provided under the Healthy Families Program (HFP) available to children whose household income exceeds 300% of the federal poverty level and who meet other specified criteria. The bill would delete the specified citizenship and immigration status requirements and would accept the applicant's signature on the application for the HFP as verification of the household income for purposes of establishing eligibility for the program. The bill would require the MRMIB and the Department of Health Care Services to take actions to improve and coordinate the application and enrollment process for Medi-Cal (MC) and the HFP and to develop a process to transition the enrollment of children from local children's health initiatives into MC and HFP. The bill would establish the HFP to MC Presumptive Eligibility Program and would establish the MC Presumptive Eligibility Program.

AB 2 (Dymally) Health care coverage

Version: Amended 3/28/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would among other things, extend the provisions of the Guaranteed Issue Pilot Program (GIP) from December 31, 2007 to July 1, 2008. In order to fund the Major Risk Medical Insurance Program (MRMIP) adequately, the bill would create a contribution program that would require health care service plans and health insurers to contribute their market share of the MRMIP costs by either becoming a participating health plan in the MRMIP or, alternatively, paying a fee, established by the MRMIB.

***AB 8 (Nunez) Health Care Coverage: employers and employees**

Version: Amended 5/01/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would require the California Health and Human Services Agency to encourage fitness, wellness, and health promotion programs and to evaluate and monitor the state's progress on increasing the coverage of uninsured persons. The bill would also require the agency, in consultation with the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and health provider groups, to develop health care provider performance measurement benchmarks, as specified. The bill would, as of January 1, 2009, create the California Cooperative Health Insurance Purchasing Program (Cal-CHIPP), which would function as a purchasing pool for health care coverage by employers and be administered by the MRMIB. The bill would require employers to set up a pretax Section 125 account for each employee. The bill would create the California Health Trust Fund for revenues from the employer fees collected to be deposited. Subject to future appropriation of funds, the bill would expand the number of children eligible for coverage under the HFP and would delete the specified citizenship and immigration status requirements. The bill would, as of July 1, 2008, require the HFP and MC program, subject to available funding, to offer a premium assistance benefit and a wraparound benefit to certain persons who are eligible for either of the programs and who are offered employer-provided health coverage. The bill would enact various health insurance market reforms, including requirement for limited guaranteed issue, simplified benefit designs, modified small employer coverage, and other related changes, to be operative by July 1, 2008. The bill would require, by July 1, 2008, that at least 85% of full-service health care service plan dues, fees and other periodic payments and health insurance premiums be spent on health care services and not administrative costs. The bill would also state the Legislature's intent that all health care service plans and health insurers and providers shall adopt standard electronic medical records by January 1, 2012.

***AB 16 (Hernandez) Pupil immunizations: human papillomavirus vaccine**

Version: Amended 5/02/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would, commencing July 1, 2009, prohibit the governing authority of a school or other institution from unconditionally admitting a pupil unless prior to his or her first admission, the pupil has been fully immunized in accordance with the 2007 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The bill would delete developmental centers from the scope of the prohibition.

AB 56 (Alarcon) Secretary for Poverty

Version: Introduced 12/4/06

Sponsor: Author

Status: Assigned to Assembly Human Services Committee

This bill would create the cabinet-level position of Secretary of Poverty, to be appointed by the Governor. The secretary would be responsible for reviewing the work of state agencies, departments, and offices that implement and administer antipoverty programs in the state and for determining if those agencies, departments, and offices were operating in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

^AB 75 (Blakeslee) Healthy Choices Plan

Version: Introduced 12/4/06

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly

This bill would express the intent of Legislature to create the Healthy Choices Plan, which would provide health care coverage for Californians without coverage.

AB 272 (Garcia) HIV tests

Version: Introduced 2/9/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Health Committee

This bill would require that any woman seeking an annual gynecological exam or family planning appointment be provided with information on HIV and AIDS, and would require that the woman be offered the option of being tested onsite, if available, or provided referral information to other testing locations.

AB 295 (Lieu) State agencies: collection of demographic data

Version: Amended 3/22/07

Sponsor: Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality (AACRE)

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file

This bill would require state agencies, boards, and commissions that collect demographic data on ancestry or ethnic origin to use additional separate collection categories and tabulations for other major Asian and Pacific Islander groups and to update data collection categories to match those used by the United States Census. The bill would also require that state agencies that collect this demographic data make the demographic reports available to the public to the extent that disclosure does not violate confidentiality.

AB 329 (Nakanishi) Chronic diseases: telemedicine

Version: Amended 3/29/07

Sponsor: California Medical Board

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would require the Medical Board of California to establish a pilot program to expand the practice of telemedicine and would authorize the board to implement the program by convening a working group to discuss the means of delivering health care to those with chronic diseases using health information technologies. The bill would require the board to make recommendations regarding its findings to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2009.

AB 343 (Solorio) Health care: employer coverage

Version: Introduced 2/14/07

Sponsor: American Federation

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file

This bill would require the DHCS and the MRMIB to collaborate to transmit to the Legislature a report that identifies all employers employing 25 or more persons who are beneficiaries or who support beneficiaries enrolled in Medi-Cal, HFP, or AIM by March 15 of each year. The bill would also require that the report be made available to the public as well.

(Same as AB 1840 (Horton) of 2005 – 2006 session which the Governor vetoed)

AB 368 (Carter) Hearing Aids

Version: Introduced 2/14/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Health Committee

This bill would require health care service plans and health insurers to offer or provide coverage up to \$1,000 for hearing aids to all enrollees, subscribers, and insureds less than 18 years of age. The bill would provide that the requirement would not apply to certain types of insurance.

AB 396 (Hernandez) Public works and prevailing wages: health and welfare benefits

Version: Amended 4/10/07

Sponsor: California Building and Construction Trade Council

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would require employers that do not spend the health and welfare portion of an applicable prevailing wage determination to provide health and welfare benefits for their employees, to pay that amount to the Controller for deposit in the Public Works Health and Welfare Fund, which would be created by the bill in the State Treasury. This bill would require that money in the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, be expended exclusively to provide health and welfare benefits for these employees.

AB 420 (Wolk) California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children: gateway system

Version: Amended 4/10/07

Sponsor: WIC Association, 100% Campaign, People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO)

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file

Existing law requires the DHCS and MRMIB, in collaboration with California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) offices, to design, promulgate, and implement policies and procedures for an automated enrollment gateway system to obtain presumptive eligibility for, and to facilitate application for enrollment in, the Medi-Cal program and the HFP for children applying to the WIC program. This bill would require all WIC local agencies that serve large numbers of participants and a high proportion of uninsured participants, to use the WIC gateway system only to the extent funding is available and would permit all other local WIC agencies to use the WIC gateway system at their option.

***AB 423 (Beall)** Health care coverage: mental health services

Version: Amended 3/22/07

Sponsor: California Psychological Association

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee

Under existing law, a health care service plan contract and a health insurance policy are required to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of severe mental illnesses of a person of any age. This bill would expand this coverage requirement by including in the definition of mental illness, a mental disorder defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV or subsequent editions, published by the American Psychiatric Association, and includes substance abuse. The expanded coverage requirement would be applied to health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2008.

AB 547 (Ma) County Health Initiative Matching Fund: application assistance

Version: Introduced 2/21/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly, 2 year bill

Under existing law, a county, county agency, local initiative, or a county organized health system, defined as applicants, may apply to the MRMIB for funding from the County Health initiative matching fund (CHIM) to provide comprehensive health insurance coverage to a person who meets specified income criteria. This bill would authorize the applicants to pay a fee to a person who assists another to apply for coverage or to renew coverage with the applicant and would prohibit applicants from using CHIM fund revenue to pay the application assistance fee.

AB 555 (Nakanishi) Healing arts: medical records

Version: Introduced 2/21/07

Sponsor: California Medical Board

Status: In Assembly

This bill would express the Legislature's intent to require the Medical Board of California to work with interested parties to develop an electronic system that would allow any physician and surgeon in this state to access the medical records of the patient that he or she requires in order to treat that patient.

AB 562 (Walters) Health care coverage: catastrophic loss

Version: Introduced 2/21/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Health Committee

This bill would authorize a health care service plan and a health insurer to offer and issue a group or individual plan contract or policy for catastrophic losses that contains a high deductible.

AB 606 (Galgiani) Medi-Cal: reimbursement rates

Version: Introduced 2/21/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Health Committee

This bill would provide that commencing January 1, 2008, the reimbursement levels for physician and dental services under Medi-Cal shall be increased to 5%.

AB 703 (Ruskin) Social security numbers

Version: Introduced 2/22/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Judiciary Committee

This bill would prohibit a person or entity from using a social security number as an identifier, except as required by federal or state law.

^AB 770 (Hernandez) Health care coverage: agricultural employees

Version: Amended 4/10/07

Sponsor: California Medical Association (CMA)

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would declare that control of health care costs can be more readily achieved by providing health care coverage to a larger share of working people and their families, thereby minimizing the shifting of health care costs. The bill would declare the intent of the Legislature that agricultural employees in California be provided health care coverage and that agricultural employers offering that coverage be allowed to lower their total health care costs. This bill would also require the Senate Office of Research to conduct a comprehensive study of the availability of health care coverage to agricultural employees, to convene a working group of affected California stakeholders, and to report to the Legislature by January 1, 2009.

AB 799 (Smyth) Health care coverage: small employers

Version: Amended 4/9/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Health Committee, to be heard 5/1/07

Existing law imposes various requirements on health care service plans and health insurers with respect to small employer coverage and specifies that those requirements do not apply to certain forms of coverage, as specified. This bill would additionally provide that those requirements do not apply to a policy, a rider, or a contract, as specified, offered to a small employer in conjunction with a health benefit plan or health care services, as specified, in order to promote wellness and healthy lifestyles program of services and incentives offered to a small employer, separate and apart from a contract or policy for health care services or benefits, as specified, designed to promote wellness and healthy lifestyles.

AB 855 (Hayashi) Medi-Cal: managed care

Version: Introduced 2/22/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Health Committee

This bill would require that on and after July 1, 2008, every Medi-Cal managed care contract entered into by the DHCS shall include alcohol and drug treatment services at least equivalent to the alcohol and drug treatment services available to enrollees in the HFP. The bill would also require that on or before October 1, 2008, the DHCS enter into contracts with a managed care organization for each county to ensure that Medi-Cal fee-for-services enrollees have as covered services, the alcohol and drug treatment services available to enrollees in the HFP.

AB 1040 (Duvall) Income taxes: deduction: medical care

Version: Amended 3/28/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee, to be heard 5/7/07

This bill would allow a deduction in computing adjusted gross income for the costs of health insurance, not compensated by insurance or otherwise, paid or incurred during the taxable year by the taxpayer for medical care for the taxpayer, his or her spouse, or dependents.

***AB 1072 (Gaines)** Health care coverage: California Health Insurance Exchange

Version: Amended 4/18/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would establish the California Health Insurance Exchange that would be administered by the MRMIB. The bill would, beginning September 1, 2008, allow an employer who sponsors a cafeteria plan in compliance with federal law and who has entered into an agreement with the board, to transmit premium payments for individual plan contracts and individual insurance policies obtained by his or her employees through the cafeteria plan to the exchange for remittance to the issuing plan or insurer that has agreed to participate in the exchange. The bill would create the California Health Insurance Exchange Fund where the premium payments would be deposited prior to remittance to the carrier.

AB 1214 (Emmerson) Waiver of benefits

Version: Introduced 2/23/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: 2 year bill

This bill would on and after July 1, 2008, allow a health care service plan that covers hospital, medical, or surgical expenses on an individual or group basis, to issue a plan contract that does not include certain specified benefits, or may amend or renew a plan contract to delete certain benefits, if the applicant or the contract holder waives the benefits. The bill would require the applicant, contract holder or policy holder to sign a disclosure form that he/she is waiving the benefit.

AB 1378 (Nakanishi) Health care coverage: California Major Risk Medical Insurance Program

Version: Amended 3/27/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Health Committee, to be heard 4/17/07

This bill would change the eligibility criteria for the MRMIP by requiring rejection by at least 2 private health plans and would require a MRMIP subscriber who has a chronic health condition to participate in a disease management program. The bill would extend the duration of the Guaranteed Issue Pilot Program (GIP) from December 31, 2007 to July 1, 2008.

***AB 1554 (Jones)** Health care coverage: rate approval

Version: Amended 4/25/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee

Under existing law, no change in premium rates or coverage in a health care service plan or a health insurance policy may become effective without prior written notification of the change to the contract holder or policyholder. Existing law prohibits a plan and insurer during the term of a plan contract or policy from changing the rate of the premium, co-payment, coinsurance, or deductible during specified time periods. This bill would require approval by the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance of an increase in the amount of the premium, co-payment, coinsurance obligation, deductible, and other charges under a health care service plan or disability insurance policy, other than a Medicare supplement contract or policy.

***AB 1555 (Lieber)** Health care services: chronic care model

Version: Amended 4/26/07

Sponsor: Lieber

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would create in the DHCS a Chronic Care Model Task Force for the purpose of developing a strategy to implement a Chronic Care Model Plan. The bill would prescribe the membership and duties of the task force and would require the task force to establish specified workgroups to address issues relating to the provision and management of care for chronic disease.

AB 1619 (Benoit) Insurer licensing

Version: Introduced 2/23/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Insurance Committee

This bill would allow any insurer admitted to transact health insurance or workers' compensation insurance, or a health care service plan licensed pursuant to the Know-Keene Care Service Plan Act, to make a written application to the Insurance Commissioner for a license to offer a single policy that provides health care services and workers' compensation benefits.

AB 1644 (Niello) Out-of-state carriers

Version: Introduced 2/23/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly, 2 year bill

This bill would allow a carrier domiciled in another state to offer, sell, or renew in California, an essential health benefit plan meeting certain unspecified requirements, without holding a license issued by the Department of Managed Health Care or a certificate of authority issued by the Insurance Commissioner, and would exempt the essential health benefit plan from requirements otherwise applicable to plans and insurance policies providing health care coverage in California.

AB 1692 (Villines) Healthy Families Advisory Panel

Version: Introduced 2/23/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Senate

Existing law requires the MRMIB to appoint a 15-member advisory panel to, among other things, advise the board on all policies, regulations, operations, and implementation of the HFP. Existing law requires that the membership of the panel include one physician and surgeon who is board certified in pediatrics. This bill would require that member to be a practicing physician and surgeon who is board certified in pediatrics.

AJR 19 (Ma) Healthy Families Program

Version: Amended 3/29/07

Status: Adopted by Assembly, sent to Senate

This measure would memorialize each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States to ensure that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to assure federal funding for the HFP.

Senate

***SB 24 (Torlakson)** Taxes: cigarette and tobacco products

Version: Amended 4/30/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee

This bill would enact the Cigarette and tobacco Products Emissions Act of 2007, which would require the Department of Public Health to assess a fee, administered and collected by the State Board of Equalization, on consumers of cigars and cigarettes. The bill would establish the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Emissions Fund into which the fees would be deposited. The fund would be used by the department, upon appropriation from Legislature, for specified purposes to address the health impacts of environmental tobacco smoke on children and others.

SB 26 (Simitian) State agencies: collection of data: ancestry or ethnic origin

Version: Introduced 12/4/06

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee, to be heard 5/14/07

This bill would require state agencies, boards, and commissions that collect demographic data on ancestry, ethnic origin, ethnicity, or race to offer respondents the option of selecting one or more ethnic or racial designations according to specified federal standards.

***SB 32 (Steinberg)** Health care coverage: children

Version: Amended 5/02/07

Sponsor: 100% Campaign, People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO)

Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would among other things, create the Healthy Families Buy-In Program that would be administered by the MRMIB and would make coverage provided under the Healthy Families Program (HFP) available to children whose household income exceeds 300% of the federal poverty level and who meet other specified criteria. The bill would delete the specified citizenship and immigration status requirements and would accept the applicant's signature on the application for the HFP as verification of the household income for purposes of establishing eligibility for the program. The bill would require the MRMIB and the Department of Health Care Services to take actions to improve and coordinate the application and enrollment process for Medi-Cal (MC) and the HFP and to develop a process to transition the enrollment of children from local children's health initiatives into MC and HFP. The bill would establish the HFP to MC Presumptive Eligibility Program and would establish the MC Presumptive Eligibility Program.

***SB 48 (Perata/Kuehl)** Health care coverage: employers and employees

Version: Amended 5/01/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would create the Health Insurance Connector (Connector) which would function as a purchasing pool for health care coverage and would be administered by the MRMIB. The bill would require employers to either provide health care coverage for its employees and dependents or, alternatively, elect to have that coverage provided through the Connector upon payment of an employer fee along with an employee contribution. The bill would require every person employed or self-employed in California to maintain a minimum policy of health care coverage for themselves and their dependents with exemptions for individuals meeting specified criteria. The bill would also expand the HFP to cover children otherwise eligible, in households with income up to 300% of the federal poverty level and would delete specified citizenship and immigration status requirements. The bill would enact various health insurance market reforms relative so small employers and would prohibit health care service plans and health insurers from spending less than 85% of premiums or fees from enrollees or insureds on health care services. The bill would also require health care service plans and health insurers to offer individual health benefit plans on a guaranteed issue beginning January 1, 2001 and would create a reinsurance mechanism in that regard.

SB 51 (Ducheny) San Diego Health Care Connection Demonstration Project

Version: Amended 3/27/07

Sponsor: San Diegans for Healthcare Coverage, Inc.

Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file

This bill would establish the San Diego Health Care Connection Demonstration Project. The bill would require the MRMIB to contract with San Diegans for Healthcare Coverage, Inc., a private nonprofit corporation, to operate the project to assist employers in San Diego County with providing health care benefits to their employees with full-time employment. The bill would require the Department of Health Care Services to secure any state plan amendments and federal waivers necessary and to submit the waivers or amendments by June 30, 2008. The bill would also require the department to establish data collection and reporting procedures.

SB 137 (Torlakson) Children's health: medical treatment

Version: Amended 3/21/07

Sponsor: Children's Specialty Care Coalition

Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file

Existing law limits eligibility for treatment services under the California Children's Services Program (CCS) to persons in families with an annual adjusted gross income of \$40,000 or less. This bill would change that eligibility limitation to persons in a family with an annual or monthly income equal to or less than 400% of the federal poverty level.

***^SB 236 (Runner, Ackerman, Aanestad, and Cox)** Health care: Cal CARE program

Version: Amended 4/19/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Senate Rules Committee

This bill would express Legislature's intent to enact the Cal CARE program to improve access to health care services for the residents of California. The bill would declare that the Legislature shall enact specified legislation and would declare the Legislature's intent to accomplish specified acts in order to improve access and affordability to health care.

***SB 320 (Alquist)** California Health Care Information Infrastructure Program

Version: Amended 4/25/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee, to be heard 5/07/07

Existing federal law, the health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) establishes certain requirements relating to the provision of health insurance. The Office of HIPAA Implementation shall be renamed the California Office of HIPAA Implementation or CalOHI and the termination date of this office shall be extended from January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2013. This bill would require CalOHI, in consultation with DHCS, the State Department of Public Health, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the MRMIB, and the Department of Managed Health Care to establish and operate the California Health Care Information Infrastructure Program. The purposes of the program are to improve the quality of health care in California and to reduce the cost of health care through the advancement of health information technology.

^SB 349 (Perata) Health care coverage

Version: Introduced 2/20/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Senate Rules Committee

This bill would declare the Legislature's intent to implement comprehensive reforms of the health care coverage system.

^SB 438 (Aanestad) Medi-Cal: reimbursement rates

Version: Introduced 2/21/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Senate Rules Committee

This bill would state the intent of Legislature to enact legislation that would increase Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for providers over the next 8 years and to make it a budget priority to increase the lowest rate first.

^SB 646 (Cox) California Major Risk Medical Insurance Program: waiting list
Version: Introduced 2/22/07
Sponsor: Author
Status: In Senate Rules Committee

This bill would express the Legislature's intent to appropriate additional funds from the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund for deposit into the Major Risk Medical Insurance Fund to eliminate a waiting list for the MRMIP.

^SB 674 (Dutton) Employers: benefits
Version: Introduced 2/23/07
Sponsor: Author
Status: In Senate Rules Committee

This bill would state the intent of Legislature to provide incentives to employers who offer health insurance, flex-time work schedules, and other benefits agreed upon by the employers and the employees.

SB 820 (Ashburn) Taxation: health insurance and health care service plans
Version: Amended 4/9/07
Sponsor: Author
Status: In Senate Health Committee, to be heard 5/9/07

The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law authorize various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws. This bill would authorize a credit against those taxes for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2007, in an amount equal to 15% of the amount of administrative costs paid or incurred by a qualified taxpayer during the taxable year in connection with establishing a qualified cafeteria plan that provides health benefits, as defined. This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy.

***SB 840 (Kuehl)** Single-payer health care coverage
Version: Amended 5/02/07
Sponsor: Author
Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee, to be heard 5/14/07

This bill would establish the California Universal Healthcare under the control of a Universal Healthcare commissioner. The bill would make all California residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the California Universal Healthcare System, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. The bill would create several new offices as well to establish policy on medical issues and various other matters relating to the health care system.

SB 867 (Ridley-Thomas) In-home supportive services

Version: Introduced 2/23/07

Sponsor: United Healthcare Counsel

Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would authorize a recipient who receives personal care and in-home services through the Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM), HFP, MRMIP, or any publicly funded program enacted prior to, or on or after, January 1, 2008, to select his or her own service provider, subject to program requirements.

^SB 885 (Calderon) Health care coverage: employer mandates

Version: Introduced 2/23/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Senate Rules Committee

This bill would express the Legislature's intent to require employers to provide health care coverage for their employees to the extent allowed by federal law.

SB 893 (Cox) California Children and Families Program: funding

Version: Introduced 2/23/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Senate Health Committee, failed passage, granted reconsideration

Existing law stipulates that specified percentages of moneys allocated and appropriated from the California Children and Families Trust Fund be deposited in various accounts for expenditures by the California Children and Families Commission (First 5), for various subjects relating to, and furthering the goals and purposes of the California Children and Families Act of 1998. This bill would eliminate those percentages for allocations to various accounts and would instead provide that those funds be allocated and appropriated to the commission to provide health care services to children consistent with the purposes of the act.

***SB 1014 (Kuehl)** Taxation: single-payer health care coverage tax

Version: Amended 4/23/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee

This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, would impose an additional tax at the rate of 1% on the taxpayer's taxable income that exceeds \$200,000 but is not over \$1,000,000, a tax on self-employment income of an individual taxpayer and a tax on non-wage income of a taxpayer. The bill would also impose a health care coverage tax on the wages of an employee to be paid by both the employee and his or her employer. The bill would require all revenues received by the Franchise Tax Board from those taxes to be deposited in the Health Insurance Fund.

SB 1026 (Calderon) Personal income and corporation taxes: credit: qualified health care provider

Version: Introduced 2/23/07

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Senate Health Committee

This bill would authorize a credit against those taxes for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2007, and before January 1, 2012, for a qualified health care provider, in an amount equal to the amount paid or incurred during the taxable year to provide health care to residents of California whose health care was not covered by a health care service plan or health insurance.